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TODAY'S ARMY: MONEY FOR COLLEGE. EXPERIENCE FOR LIFE.

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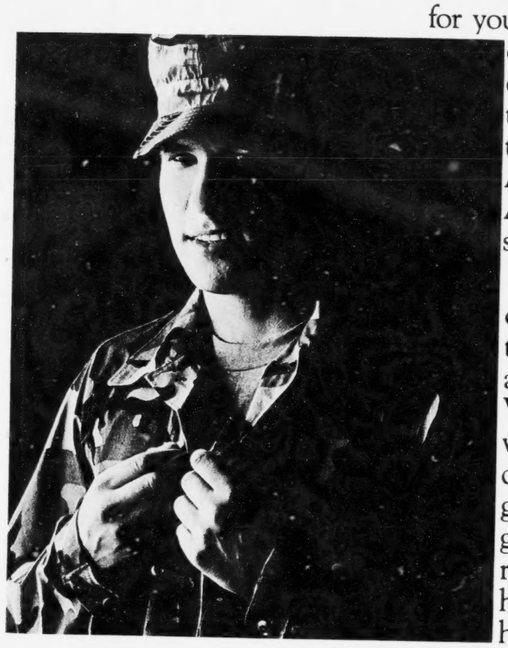
SOLDIERING STARTS HERE.

The young men and women who put on Army uniforms these days are a lot like yourself. Bright. Ambitious. With aspirations for college, successful careers, and more. They're looking ahead.

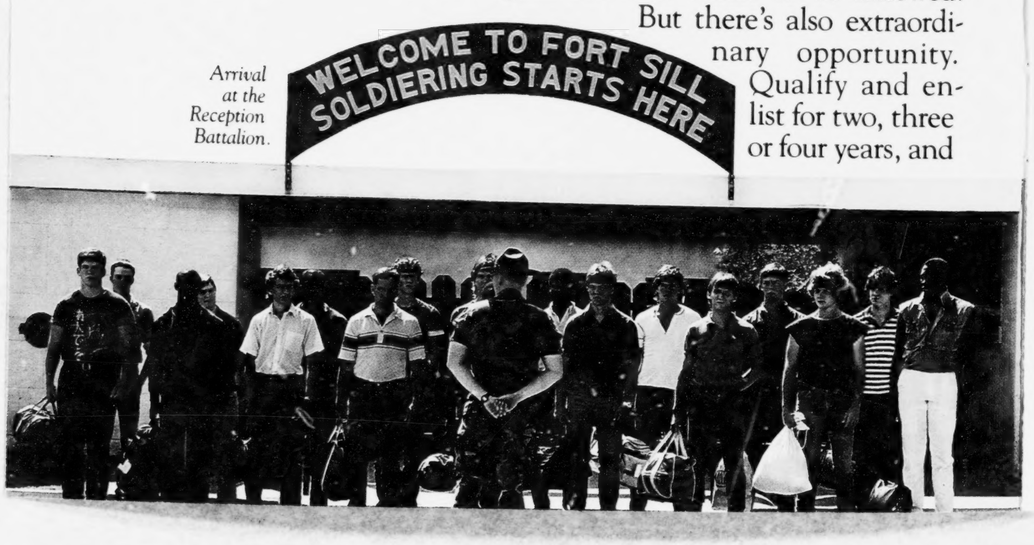
Today's Army can help you prepare for your future, while giving you some of the most exciting experiences of your life. This booklet will tell you just what you can expect to gain as a soldier in the U.S. Army. And especially how the Army can help you get a head-start on college.



Choosing the Army means choosing a lifestyle that's guaranteed to be very different from anything you've ever experienced. When you think about it, your way of life has been pretty much determined by where you've grown up and where you've gone to school. But now you've reached a point where you really have a chance to make things happen on your own. And in the Army, there's a whole lot going on.

The Army's no 9-to-5 job. It's challenging and demanding. There are regulations and orders to be followed. But there's also extraordinary opportunity. Qualify and enlist for two, three or four years, and you'll gain a lot. You can learn valuable skills, meet interesting people and see new places. You'll have an opportunity to earn college credits or a degree in off-duty hours. And you may earn substantial amounts of money to use for school later on.

Arrival at the Reception Battalion.



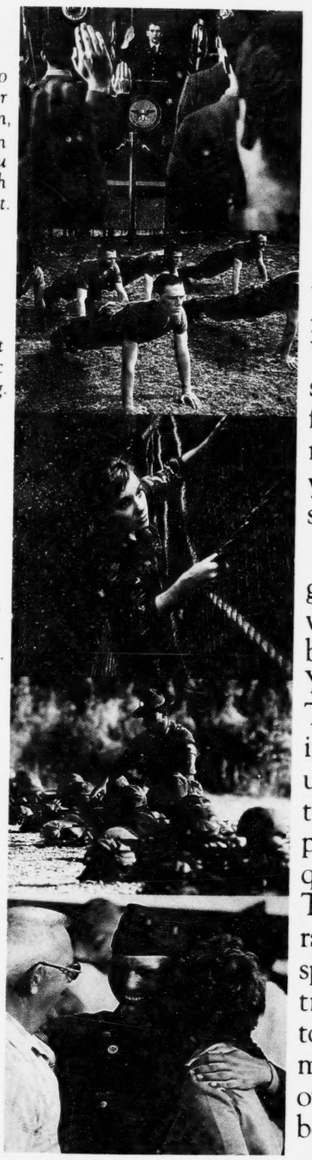
Prior to departing for the Reception, Battalion however, you take an oath of enlistment.

A basic part of Basic Training.

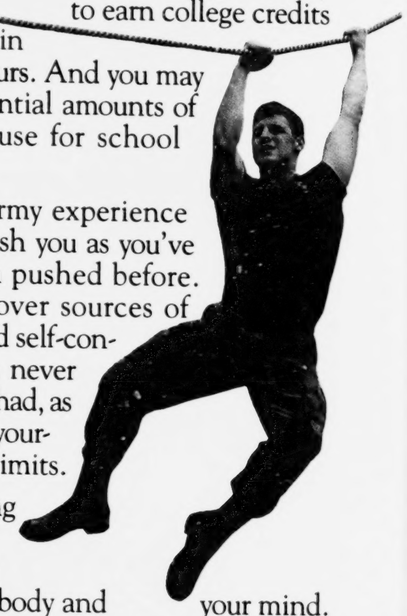
Building confidence in Basic.

With your M-16, practice makes perfect.

Graduation from Basic makes a few people proud.



Your Army experience will also push you as you've never been pushed before. You'll discover sources of strength and self-confidence you never realized you had, as you stretch yourself to new limits.



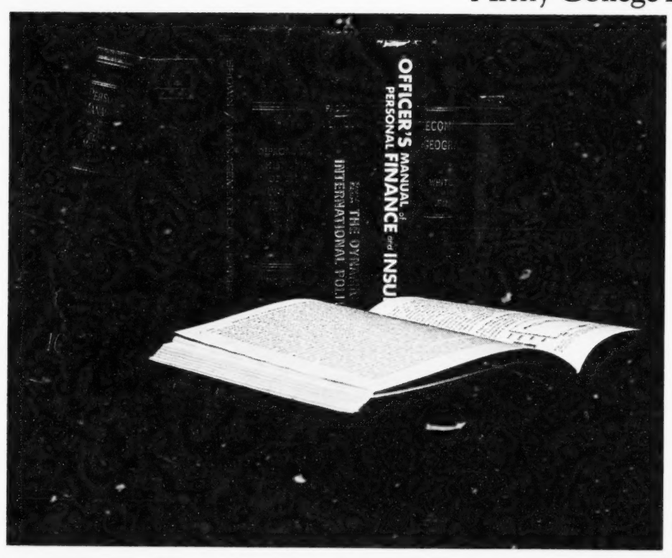
Reaching goals starts with the basics: your body and your mind. You'll strengthen both in Initial Entry Training, commonly called "Basic Training." You begin as a recruit and you graduate a soldier. The process takes eight to twelve weeks, sometimes longer, depending on the skill you select and qualify for. You wake up to PT (Physical Training). You spend hours on the rifle range. You march about 100 miles. You spend long days and nights on tactical training, bivouac and patrol. Yes, it's tough. But it's not impossible: you'll be meeting the same challenges that tens of thousands of other soldiers have met before you.

Basic is just the beginning, of course. As you read on, you'll see how the Army can help you prepare for college, learn a valuable skill and enjoy the many benefits of Army service.

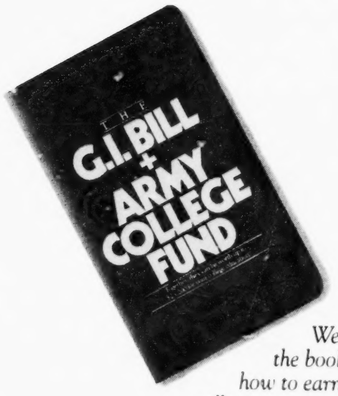
START COLLEGE IN THE ARMY.

A good education is probably a top priority in your book. It is in the Army's, too. So when you make the decision to become a soldier, you've also chosen a smart route to college.

First, there's the GI Bill Plus the Army College Fund*. What that means is that if you qualify, you can earn $17,000 for your college education by serving just two years in the Army. The longer you're a soldier, the more money you can accumulate. With a three-year term, you can earn $22,800 for college. Or with a four-year enlistment, $25,200.



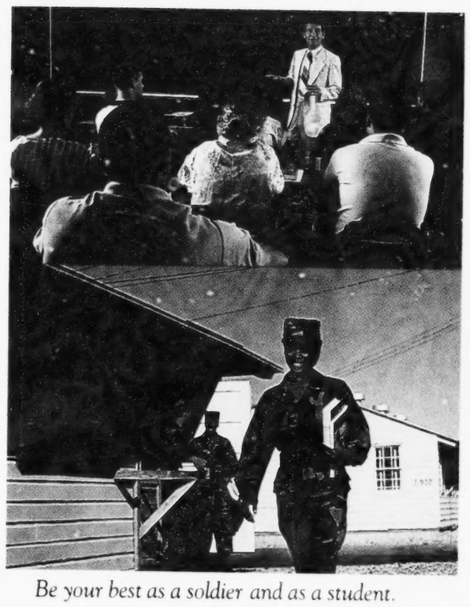
Under this program, your contribution is $100 a month from your paychecks for the first twelve months (for a total of $1200). The Army and the government contribute the rest. Whether you serve two, three or four years, the GI Bill Plus the Army College Fund can bring college a whole lot closer.



We wrote the book on how to earn college money.

Another way to get closer to college is by taking college courses as a soldier. You may be eligible to do this after completing Advanced Individual Training. The Army is supported by an extensive network of accredited colleges around the world through which you may pursue studies during your off-duty time. The name of this program is Reaching for Excellence.

In spite of the demanding schedules a soldier must meet, the colleges in the Reaching for Excellence program try to make it easier for you to attend classes. Many of the classes are scheduled at night and on weekends. Classes are offered right on post or at nearby colleges. What's more, the Army will pay up to 75% of your tuition for any approved college-level course you take leading to a degree, diploma or certificate.

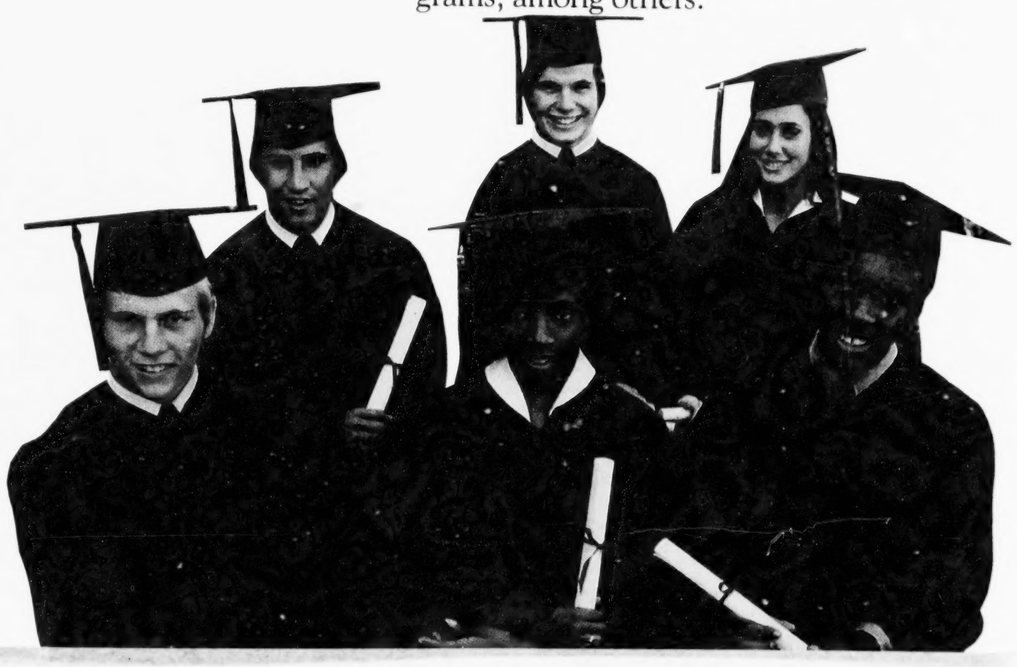


Be your best as a soldier and as a student.

The fact that most Army posts have an Education Center tells you something more about the Army's commitment to education. Your Army Education Center is where you'll go to look through college catalogs, plan your academic schedules, and set educational and career goals. But don't think you'll have to do it alone.

You'll have professional help, from your Army Education Counselor. He or she is there to help you develop an education plan that is manageable, fulfilling, and tailored to your interests, talents and military schedule.

Your Counselor can also direct you to the other educational facilities on and near the post. They may include a foreign language lab, military skill library, or audio-visual learning programs, among others.



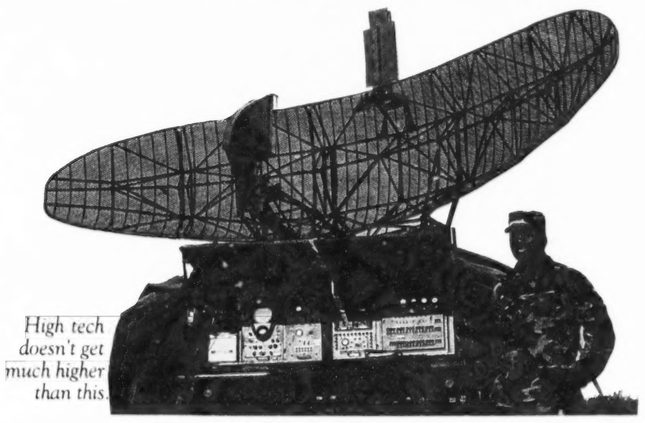
* Referred to as the Montgomery GI Bill.

YOUR LEARNING CONTINUES.

Pursuing college-level studies as a soldier is just one way of learning in the Army. You'll also get an education through Army Skill Training. The Army offers training in over two hundred and fifty valuable skills (of these, over 50 qualify for the GI Bill Plus the Army College Fund). The instruction, in both the field and classroom, is excellent. And the equipment is the best available.

Depending on what you qualify for, you could be trained in anything from computer maintenance to combat engineering, combat signaling to metalworking. The training you receive in many of these skills can be applied to counterpart occupations in the civilian world. With some skills, you may even discover an area you'd like to pursue in college.

If you have a hunger for high tech, you'll find the Army's selection to be very satisfying. Whether your interests lie in the fields of communications, ground transportation, or advanced electronics, opportunities for high-tech skills abound.



High tech doesn't get much higher than this.

Work with the latest in computer systems.

Repair or operate advanced communications systems.

Be part of a tight-knit team on a high-tech tank.

Learn to maintain helicopter fire control systems.

The Army is always looking out for the best and the brightest to work with state-of-the-art equipment. If you qualify for training, you could work with laser rangefinders, rocket launchers, avionics, or even satellite systems, to name just some of the possibilities.

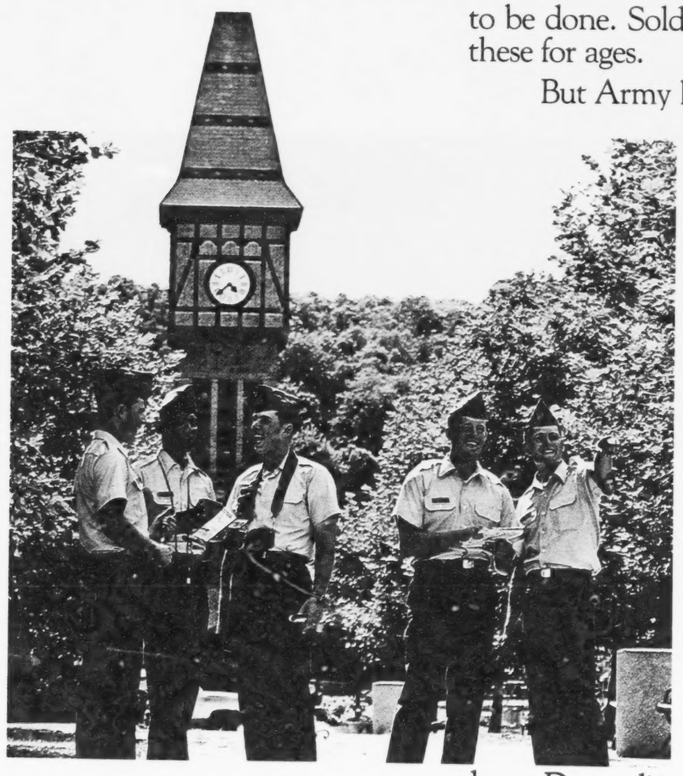
The skill you learn depends on several things: (1) Your ability to qualify (you'll be tested before you enlist, so you'll know what you're qualified for). (2) Your choice (if you enlist by way of the Delayed Entry Program, you can choose your training from a wide variety of skills, and have it guaranteed in writing. Your active duty reporting date will be based on when your training becomes available). (3) Availability of skill training.

Most skill training programs last six to twelve weeks. Others may last longer, depending on the specialty. Whatever Army skill you learn, the experience is bound to be rewarding. You'll have your skill for the rest of your life.

OUR BENEFITS TAKE YOU FURTHER.

Make no mistake. Army service is no picnic. Besides your assigned duties, there are always chores to be done. Soldiers have griped about these for ages.

But Army life has special benefits, too. Like 30 days' vacation with pay, called "leave," every year. Though the needs of your unit govern when you get leave, there are plenty of chances to enjoy yourself. You could use your leave time to explore parts of this country you've never seen before. Maybe even visit a foreign country or go back home.



You could also get the opportunity to explore new places during your tour of duty. Depending on availability, you could choose an assignment in the United States or in Europe, Korea or Panama. If you qualify, your choice is guaranteed in writing.

No matter where you're stationed, your monthly Army paycheck will go a long way. Because Army benefits go a long way. For example, you have no rent or food bills while you live in the barracks and eat in the unit dining facility. You have no medical or dental expenses, either.

Free time is your time.

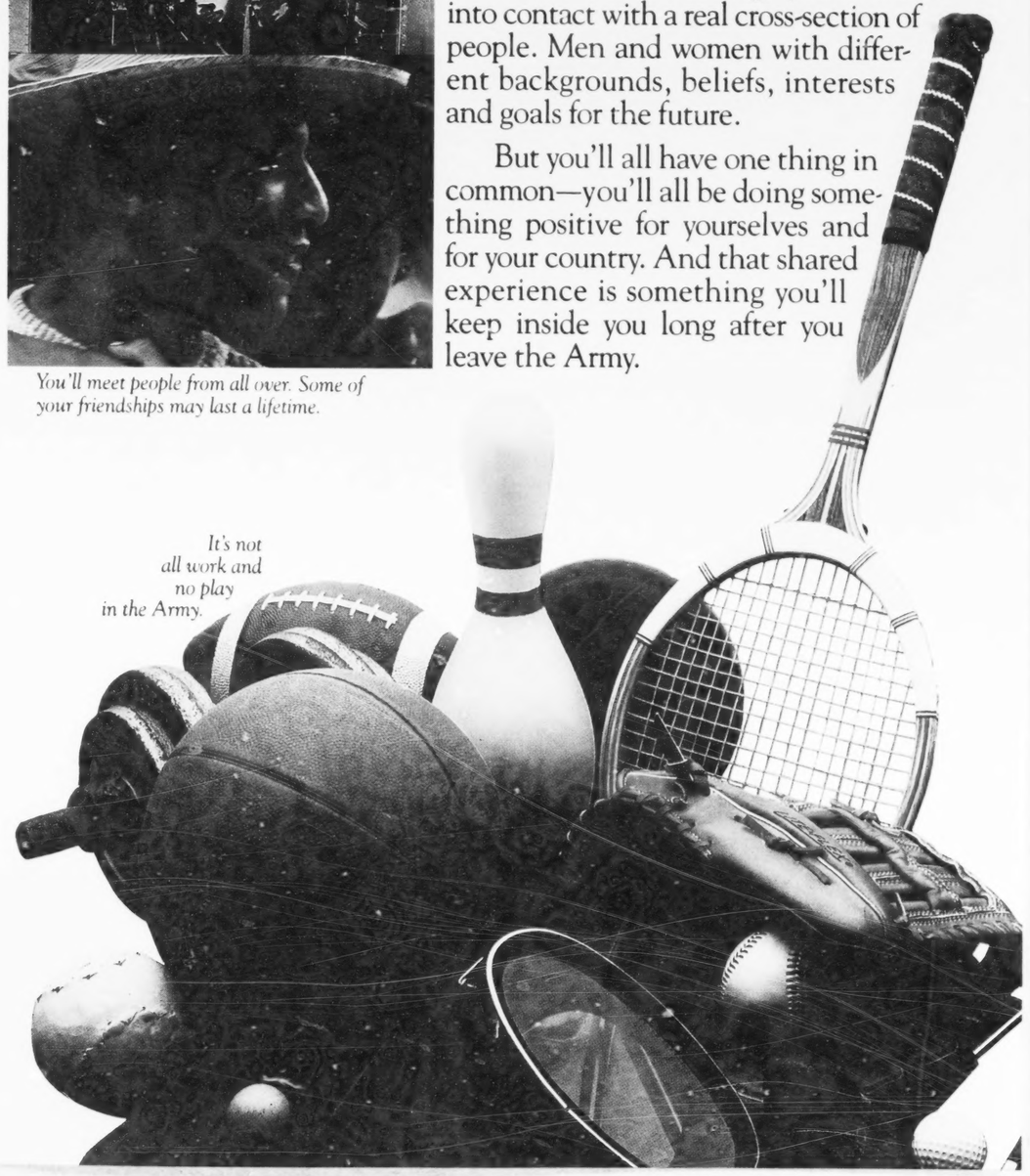
You'll meet people from all over. Some of your friendships may last a lifetime.

And you don't have to go far to have fun. Most posts have all kinds of sports and recreational facilities which you can use in your free time. There are also theaters, libraries and craft centers. As a total package, the Army's got a lot to offer.

Maybe the greatest benefit of all is the bunch of terrific people you'll meet. Wherever you're serving, you'll come into contact with a real cross-section of people. Men and women with different backgrounds, beliefs, interests and goals for the future.

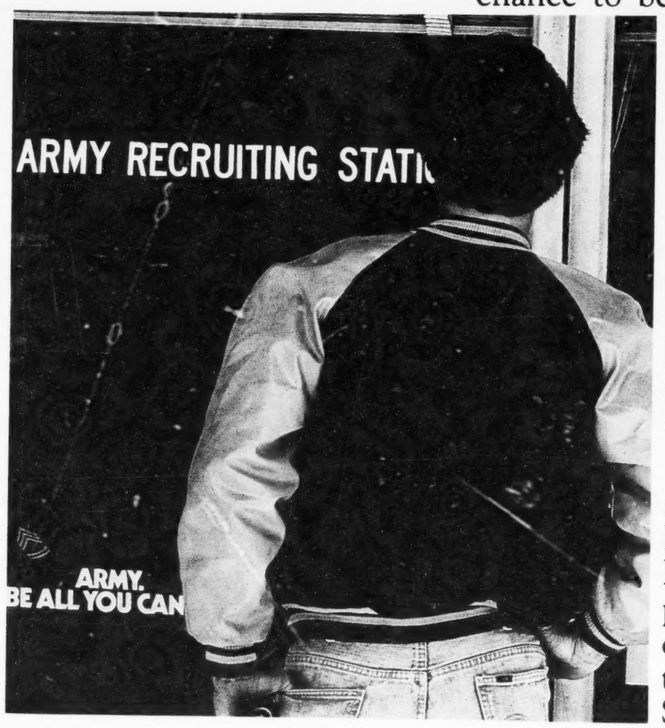
But you'll all have one thing in common—you'll all be doing something positive for yourselves and for your country. And that shared experience is something you'll keep inside you long after you leave the Army.

It's not all work and no play in the Army.



TAKE THE NEXT STEP.

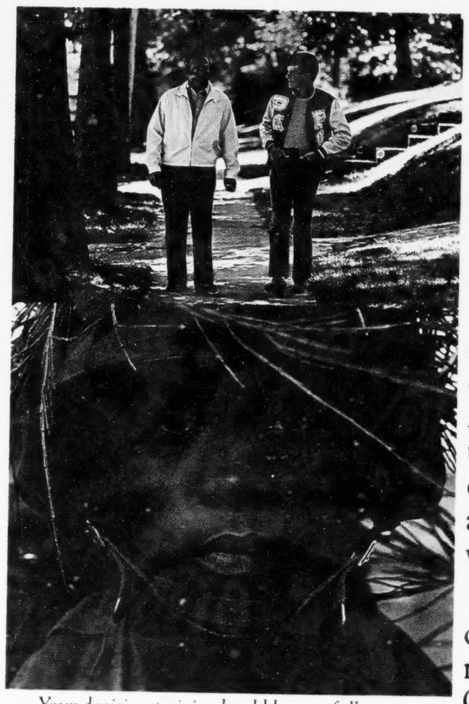
Think of your Army enlistment as an investment in yourself, as well as in your future. You put in your time, brain power, energy and enthusiasm. You get back things like physical toughness. Valuable skill training. A chance to begin your college-level studies. Money for school. And something nobody can put a price on: maturity.



When you attend college after your Army enlistment, sure, you'll be a few years older. But you'll also be smarter and wiser. With greater self-discipline and self-confidence, too.

If you're interested, it's time to see your local Army Recruiter. He or she is a trained professional, well aware of the importance of the decision before you. So you can be sure of a careful and complete explanation of anything you don't understand about the Army. As well as anything you need more information on. You're there to ask questions, and get answers.

One of your most valuable sources of information is your Recruiter.



Your decision to join should be carefully thought-out.

Next, you should talk to your parents, teachers or guidance counselor. Tell them what you've learned about the Army, and how it can help you prepare for your future. See what they have to say.

And finally, do a little soul-searching on your own. Military service isn't for everyone. Some people just can't adjust to the military lifestyle and, in turn, don't perform as well. On the other hand, millions of young Americans have already met the challenges of Army service and have come to value the experience. It's important for you to consider carefully your decision to enlist, as well as the commitment which comes with that enlistment.

The next step's up to you. When you call or visit your local Army Recruiter, remember, there's no obligation to join. Only to get the facts. And see how the Army could be your steppingstone to college and a bright future.

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